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3 By Representatives Hurst and Robbins  
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5 First Read: 06-MAY-21

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 HONORING THE LEGACY OF THE LATE GOSPEL SINGER,  
4 ROBERT HUGH "SHOTGUN" GIDDENS, BY PROCLAIMING AUGUST 6, 2021,  
5 AS ROBERT HUGH "SHOTGUN" GIDDENS DAY.

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7 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we  
8 honor the legacy of the late gospel singer, Robert Hugh  
9 "Shotgun" Giddens, by proclaiming August 6, 2021, as Robert  
10 Hugh "Shotgun" Giddens Day; and

11 WHEREAS, Shotgun was born on August 6, 1938, in  
12 Talladega County, Alabama, to Cecil Wiley Giddens and Una Visa  
13 Hickman Giddens; and

14 WHEREAS, with a passion for singing and listening to  
15 southern gospel music, Shotgun sang in numerous quartets and  
16 trios during his many decades in gospel music and had a very  
17 successful career; his other achievements included being an  
18 excellent barber, being elected by the people of Clay County  
19 to serve as Circuit Clerk of Clay County for 18 years, and  
20 being honored by the Boy Scouts of America in recent years;  
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22 WHEREAS, Shotgun married the love of his life, Linda  
23 Upchurch Giddens, on August 14, 1966; and

24 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents;  
25 son, Jamie Hugh Giddens; sister, Mary Catherine Wallace;

1 brother, Earnest Giddens; and granddaughter, Chastin Roberson;  
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3 WHEREAS, Shotgun is survived by his loving wife of  
4 53 years, Linda Upchurch Giddens; daughters, Leigh Ann  
5 Roberson (Tim) and Candida Giddens; grandsons, Robert Michael  
6 Giddens, Nyckolous Roberson, and Kyran Roberson;  
7 granddaughters, Kasyn Carmichael, Marki Cochran (Trey), and  
8 Missy Werner (Ben); sister, Vista Hendrix (Richard); six  
9 great-grandchildren; and a host of brothers-in-law,  
10 sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and special friends; and

11 WHEREAS, Shotgun's incredible legacy continues to  
12 touch the lives of many; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we highly honor the late  
15 gospel singer, Robert Hugh "Shotgun" Giddens, and we hereby  
16 proclaim August 6, 2021, as Robert Hugh "Shotgun" Giddens Day;  
17 this resolution serves as a tribute to the remarkable man with  
18 warmest appreciation and admiration.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 06-MAY-21.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

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Senate

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17-MAY-21

Adopted